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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.121(a)

In response to the Office Action mailed March 29, 20002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice and add claims 8-9 as follows:

8. A lens control apparatus, comprising:  
a rotary operation member;  
conversion means for converting a rotating amount of said rotary operation member into an amount of variation of the control data of a position of a lens; and  
conversion characteristic changing means for changing a conversion characteristic of said conversion means.

9. A lens control apparatus, comprising:

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